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Virtual influenza has now appeared in England, and is spreading throughout the country, and causing considerable anxiety. The mortality from this cause is assuming alarming proportions. In Europe, the Emperor Augustus and a German Prince are amongst the number of victims.

H. M. S. *Porpoise* is to succeed the *Swiftsure* on the Australian Station.

Reasons, the Jubilee Plaque, is defying the Jubilee Plaque.

The Sultan has prohibited a survey at Tripoli. The Majesty the Queen has not been asked to open the Dublin Museum, as it was feared the request might be politically misinterpreted.

The German have defeated the natives at S. in East Africa.

Mr. Hylandman accuses Mr. Duran, the Socialist, of treachery to the cause of Socialism, and also of publishing a false statement in relation to the Dock Strike.

Turkey is enforcing obedience in Macedonia. Mr. Spurgeon is gradually recovering from his recent illness.

General Boulenger is a candidate for the approaching Municipal elections.

The control of the Bosphorus army has been handed over to the Czar.

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Highest open air temperature on the 29th, 71°; lowest open air temperature on the 30th, 51°; highest open air temperature on the 31st, 61°.

1.—Barometer reduced to 32° degrees Fahrenheit at the level of the sea in fathoms, and hundredths.

2.—Thermometer in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

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CHAPTER IX.

Thus reason advice, but reason's a fool.

"How do you do," says Bertie, his handsome face

brightening into a smile as he looks at the

truth, she is not so trifling to the

boys as she is to the girls. Even William, who

is as gruff as a rule, treats her with affability.

Perhaps, too, Bertie's charming face—so frank,

so expressive, and so full of life—appeals

in quite a powerful way to his rich and selfish

sense. If she likes anyone on earth it is Bertie,

yet, strange as it may seem, he is hardly aware

of the strength of her feelings for him.

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Now she is at the boiling point.

"Oh, how delicious!" cries she. "I do hope

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give me one little kiss, just one, on the forehead,

if you will, Bertie."

Nan, who is standing behind her aunt, catches

Penelope's eye, and Gladys, who is behind

Penelope's, and all three girls break into wild

and secret laughter.

"It would, indeed, be a thousand pities to

deny that artistic arrangement in red and white

that adorns the fair Julia's cheeks. That little

dash of red—that effect of softening and

CHAPTER XI.

"The day is long, but I will not leave my heart

to the day."

The early dawn, to which Julia did not

fall, has come to an end before the arrival

of the day. When she arrives, Penelope

and Gladys are sitting on the sofa, and

themselves upon Mrs. Manly. But with a knowledge

of their little ways, born of a long experience

of the peculiar habits of the family, and a

feeling of the fresh, a worrying of good clothes.

"There, now, babies," cries she, waving them